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STANDIFORD HOUSE

c1886

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

The Standiford house is a plain, vernacular style, two-story plus attic frame duplex typical of a turnpike town, roofed with sheet metal, covered with white composition shingles. It was probably built by or for Howard T. Standiford who acquired the lot in 1885 and is found in the 1896 tax ledger with a frame house. W. Scott King took title in 1912, and following his death, in 1920, the house was described as deteriorating. The house was later refurbished, covered with composition shingles. The house has double front doors, and a full width front porch. The porch posts are decorated with scroll brackets, the only applied decoration on the house.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC STANDIFORD HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21,515 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Ramsey V. Gemmill

Telephone #: 357-5297

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21105

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK JR. 6036

Folio #: 651

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Standiford house is a plain, vernacular style, two-story plus attic frame duplex typical of a turnpike town. It is covered with white composition shingles, roofed with sheet metal that is painted black. The house is four bays wide, its double front doors paired in the inner bays to produce side-hall floor plans. The doors are paneled, protected by glass storm doors in aluminum frames. The main facade windows are all 6-over-6, double-hung sash types. The porch is full width, its deck a step above grade, very close to the highway, the porch roof is shed-roofed, covered with sheet metal painted black. The five square supporting posts decorated with scroll brackets, the only applied decoration or extra touch on the entire house. The main block is punctuated on the north by one small, 1-over-1, double-hung sash window set in the gable peak, the other a 6-over-6 window at first-story level, located closer to the rear of the house. The south end of the house is punctuated by similar gable and first-story windows as the north facade.

The rear wing is flush with the north or left side of the house and is a very low, two-story structure, shorter than the main block. The upper windows in this two-bay deep wing are very small in format, with 1-over-1 lights. The lower windows are 6-over-6 in layout; a concrete-block chimney rises between the two bays and towers over this low gable-roofed addition.

The main roof is gabled, with a pair of inside end-chimneys, decorated with corbelling. The eaves overhang somewhat and there are visible eave returns.

The foundation is practically invisible, with the wall covering material reaching down almost to the ground. The cellar is reached by slanted doors opening into stairs located on the southside of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1886

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Standiford house is a small, frame, vernacular house typical of its period, a dual house with only a slight amount of Victorian porch trim. The lot that this house stands upon was sold for only \$50 in 1885, when it passed from John and Sarah J. Standiford to Howard T. Standiford; the sale took place in October, somewhat late in the year for a housing start. (1)

Howard T. Standiford was charged with "One House and Lot in the village of New Market on East side of York and Baltimore Turnpike," one-eighth acre and a "Frame Dwelling" that was assessed at \$475 in the 1896 tax ledger. (2) This house was represented by an unidentified square in the 1898 Bromley atlas and by the name "Standiford" in the 1915 issue. The 1911 tax ledger valued the house at \$600, clearly placing it on the eastside of the road. (3)

In 1912, Howard T. Standiford and wife conveyed the property to W. Scott King. (4) Following King's death, there was a lawsuit, in which some interesting testimony came forth. King had "died intestate in the early part of the year 1916 . . .," leaving "real estate consisting of a small house and lot conveyed from Howard T. Standiford and wife . . . in 1912" A witness stated, "the improvements on the said land are deteriorating." (5)

Further testimony stated that the King home was a "seven room frame house with no modern improvements. It is in need of repairs, needs painting, and the roof is bad and it needs other repairs." (6) Mrs. King deposed:

Yes, sir, we rented it a while, but it has been idle since last May. Houses are not much in demand at New Market, there is no business done there and it is hard to rent property up there. (7)

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The court authorized trustee Newton D. Allen to sell the property, and he sold to Jacob F. Mealey in 1920, securing \$1,000. (8) Before settling the estate, the 1918 tax ledger showed Mrs. Hannah C. King as administratrix with:

Dwelling	11 x 24	1 story	\$534
	16 x 24	2 stories	
Outbldgs			125. (9)

Subsequent owners were Harry Gruel and Mary E. Gruel, who purchased from Mealey in 1937; and Joseph T. Kearney and wife, who acquired in 1944. (10) Ramsey V. Gemmill, owner of the property to the south, took title in 1979.

This house was at some point covered with composition shingles.

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, JWS 152:75.
2. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, entry #531-120.
3. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 718.
4. B.C. Deeds, WPC 397:16.
5. Judicial Records, WPC 281:71.
6. Judicial Records, WPC 281:82.
7. Judicial Records, WPC 281:84.
8. B.C. Deeds, WPC 522:113.
9. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 607.
10. B.C. Deeds CWB JR. 1001:524, and RJS 1339:183.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Baltimore County Deeds, Judicial Records, and Tax Ledgers.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 22.75 sq. perches

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N61E 10.1 perches
 N20W 2.25 "
 S61W 10.25 "
 S20E 2.25 " (along turnpike).

Note: Tax Map Index
 gives dimensions
 as 41 x 169 feet.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE

COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE

COUNTY NONE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

DATE

April 16, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created
 by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the
 Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA,
 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information
 and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringe-
 ment of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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56631 SE
STEWART STOWN)





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Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (W) and north facades